The Widow's Mite

How Money can make us Immortal.

Text. The Widow's mite. Mk.12:41-44.

Intro. Lent leading to Easter, the central thot of which is Immortality. The Every-Member Canvas, the central thot of which has to do with money. The reading of a little pamphlet by Jay T. Stocking combined the two and suggested our theme.

I. Money represents Life.

1.Our wrong way of regarding money- as material and temporal, having nothing to do with life, especially our higher life on the spiritual plane. "filthy luchre" "the root of all evil", etc.
This teaching is all wrong.

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2. We cannot separate our money from our life in any such fashion, for apart from life money has no value at all.

Money represents so much toil, skill, intelligence, conscience, character, al all the factors that are to be found in good and honest work.

The faithful laborer holding his wage in his hand, may truthfully say,"This is life. This is part of me. This is my my spent energy, my very soul."

The $ that does not represent your life represents somebody else's life. Money like a battery of stored-up electricity, it is stored-up life, that portion of a person which can conveniently be carried around, passed over the counter and put into the hands of somebody else.

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1. We exchange our money for various commodities. Even our investments ore a form of exchange.
   Just so with immortality. Jesus teaches us that a person lives according as he invests himself in otherlives.
   No promise of abiding forever made to the man who spends himself upon himself only. A man is immortal according as he makes himself useful. He lives as long as the thing in which he has invested lives. If he invests all he has in the perishable things of life only, he too will perish with the perishable things.

The saying that a man cannt take his money with him when he dies. Of course, it is true that a man cannot gather up his unexlended cash and his possessions and securities, place them in his shroud and carry them with him when he dies, but in a certain real sense a man may take his money with him when he dies.

The money tat he spent in the making of character, the shaping of destinies, his money that gave men hope that wiped away tears that brot health and happines to others goes with him, and not only so but has helped him into a larger measure of immortality. All that we spend for the Kingdom of God is beyond the reach of moth and rust and becomes as imperishable as truth itself.

Not only will the widow's mite live forever but also will the money that helped a Booker T. Washington gain an education, and the money that helped save a Jerry McAuley. The support of the forces for righteousness, of the moral and religious training of our youth is immortal

III.Money helps us to taste immortality here and now.

All that you spend for human happiness and human good brings immprtality to you.

SPENDING IN THE UNITED STATES

For Operation of Pleasure Automobiles	$3,500,000,000
For Tobacco	2,000,000,000
For Candy	1,000,000,000
For Soft Drinks	750,000,000
And for the Church	469,000,000

How We Spend Our Dollars

Living Costs	24½ cents
Waste	14 cents
Investment	11 cents
Luxuries	22 cents
Miscellaneous	13½ cents
Crime	8½ cents
Government	4½ cents
Schools	1½ cents
Church	¾ cent

People of the United States spend nearly thirty times as much for luxuries, seven times as much for automobiles, four times for tobacco, twice as much for candy, and one and a half times for soft drinks, as they give to religious work. These figures are based on percentages tabulated by the American Education Digest. —*The Chicago Presbyterian, March 8, 1930.*

HAS YOUR PURSE BEEN BAPTIZED?

One of our American missionaries tells of the baptism of a convert in a Baptist mission in Ceylon, a few years ago. When he was going down into the water to be baptized, he handed his handkerchief to a friend to hold for him. His pocketbook dropped out of it. The friend said, "I'll hold that, too, so that it will not get wet." "No," replied the man, "when I go down into the water I want my purse to be baptized with me, for that, as well as myself, must be consecrated to the service of the Lord."

—*Stuart Nye Hutchison in "Unfrequented Path to Immortality."*

THE MISSIONARY SERMON IN THE SILVER DOLLAR

Did you know that there is a missionary sermon in every silver dollar? Hold one up and look at it.

1. The first point of the sermon is that a dollar is like the Gospel, in that it must be circulated to do any good. If you keep a dollar in your pocket year after year it does not help any one; if the people who have the Gospel keep it to themselves it can't save the world.

2. Look at the date on your dollar. It shows how many years have passed since Jesus Christ came into the world and said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and yet there are thousands and thousands of people who have never been told that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son.

3. Can you find the word "Liberty" on the face of the dollar? Do you remember any verses in the Bible that tell how Jesus Christ came to make men free? and how He sent his disciples to "proclaim" liberty to those who are bound by sin?

4. See the laurel wreath on the head of the Goddess of Liberty; Jesus Christ has promised a crown that shall not fade away to those who bear his Gospel to the world.

5. Can you find the words "In God We Trust?" Jesus Christ said to his disciples, when he sent them out to preach the Gospel to the world: "Lo, I am with you always." The reason missionaries have been able to do such wonderful things is because God is with them to give them the power.

6. The eagle, the king of birds, is on the dollar. The Bible tells us that those who carry the Lord's messages, serving Him and trusting in Him, shall be as strong as the eagle, and have strength day after day.

—Tulsa, Okla., First Presbyterian Church Tidings.